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## Mississippi Land Values

Mississippi farm real estate values, the measurement of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$2,230 per acre on January 1, 2008, up 7 percent from 2007. The \$2,230 per acre is a record high and \$150 more than a year earlier. Both cropland and pasture values for 2008 are record highs. Cropland values rose by 7 percent to \$1,940 per acre, up from the previous high of \$1,810 in 2007. Pasture value rose by 6 percent to \$2,360 per acre.

Survey Procedures: The estimates of land values in the following table are based primarily on the June Area Survey, conducted during the first 2 weeks of June. This annual survey uses a complete, probability-based land-area sampling frame. In 2008, the survey conducted in Mississippi included a stratified sample of 298 land areas (segments), averaging approximately 1 square mile in size. Enumerators collecting data for the June area survey contact all agricultural producers operating land within the boundaries of the sampled land segments and record land value information for crop and pasture land within these segments. They also collect an estimated value of all land and buildings for the operator's entire farming operation and the estimated percent change from the previous year. Survey reported data are reviewed for reasonableness and consistency by comparing with other data reported in the survey and with data reported within the segment the previous year.

Farm Real Estate, Cropland and Pasture, Average Value per Acre, by Selected States and United States, January 1, 2007-2008

Stata	Farm Rea	al Estate	Cropland		Pasture	
State	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	•		Do	llars		
Alabama	3,100	3,500	3,400	3,900	2,450	2,700
Arkansas	2,300	2,500	1,720	1,820	2,130	2,270
Georgia	4,500	4,500	4,440	4,770	8,150	7,800
Louisiana	2,120	2,300	1,840	2,030	2,160	2,290
Mississippi	2,080	2,230	1,810	1,940	2,230	2,360
South Carolina	2,900	3,050	2,500	2,700	3,000	3,100
Tennessee	3,400	3,650	3,350	3,600	3,850	4,100
Texas	1,480	1,690	1,470	1,640	1,370	1,610
Virginia	5,700	5,900	6,000	6,300	5,500	5,700
United States	2,160	2,350	2,690 *	2,970	1,160	1,230

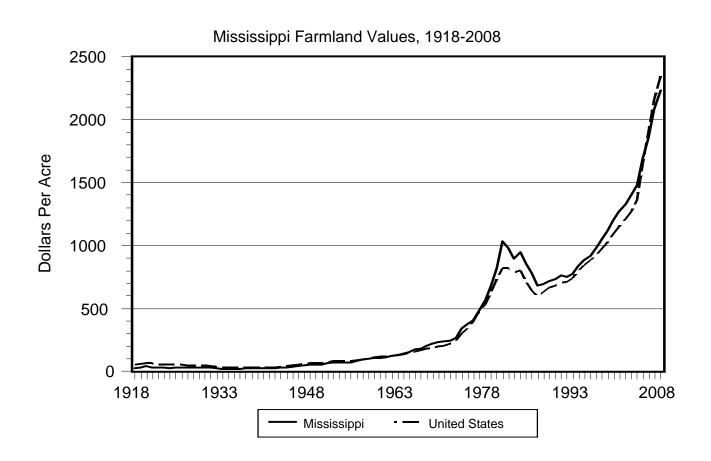
<sup>\*</sup> Revised.

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Commercial Red Meat Production, by Selected States and United States, June 2008 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

State	June	May	June	June 2008 as	Percent of <sup>2</sup>
State	2007	2008	2008	June 2007	May 2008
		Million Pounds		Perd	cent
Alabama	2.3	2.0	2.1	93	104
Arkansas	4.8	5.0	5.8	123	117
Florida	7.1	8.9	8.2	116	92
Georgia	13.0	12.4	12.5	96	100
Kentucky	43.5	44.2	42.2	97	96
Louisiana	0.5	0.5	0.5	102	95
Mississippi	1.1	1.1	1.2	110	110
Missouri	119.8	128.0	126.0	105	98
North Carolina	173.8	200.2	186.1	107	93
Oklahoma	84.4	91.2	88.1	104	97
South Carolina	20.7	21.1	20.1	97	95
Tennessee	14.5	16.1	15.9	110	99
Texas	410.1	490.1	457.5	112	93
Virginia	38.6	41.4	36.7	95	89
West Virginia	0.3	0.3	0.3	96	83
United States	4,027.5	4,222.3	4,049.6	101	96

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. <sup>2</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data.



Chicken Eggs in Incubators, by Region and United States, July 1, 2007-2008

		Broiler-type		Egg-type		
Region	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007
	1,0	00	Percent	1,0	00	Percent
North Atlantic	12,360	13,533	109	5,928	5,350	90
East North Central	11,335	12,842	113	7,088	7,107	100
West North Central	29,198	28,929	99	8,216	9,171	112
South Atlantic	246,454	240,748	98	4,182	3,942	94
South Central	341,467	336,656	99	2,970	5,524	186
West	25,144	25,235	100	4,520	4,828	107
United States	665,958	657,943	99	32,904	35,922	109

June Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

State	All Layers o	n Hand <sup>1</sup>	Table	Eggs <sup>2</sup>	Hatching Eggs <sup>2</sup>	
State	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,00	0		Million	Eggs	
Alabama	9,203	9,353	25	29	145	147
Arkansas	14,081	13,855	92	83	178	183
Florida	10,434	10,232	221	214	10	7
Georgia	19,099	18,651	199	193	184	178
Mississippi	6,430	6,348	36	36	88	89
North Carolina	12,173	12,465	103	115	144	133
South Carolina	4,753	4,470	76	70	21	22
Virginia	3,267	3,138	30	30	36	32
United States	340,237	338,538	6,268	6,270	1,113	1,095

Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

June Broiler-type Chicks Hatched, by Selected States and United States, 2007-2008

State	<u>,                                     </u>	During June		January-June			
State	2007	2008	2008/2007	2007	2008	2008/2007	
			Percent	1,0	00	Percent	
Alabama	112,284	116,961	104	667,720	695,077	104	
Arkansas	103,828	98,033	94	607,938	601,919	99	
Florida	4,834	4,832	100	29,508	29,821	101	
Georgia	125,317	122,423	98	740,093	742,941	100	
Mississippi	68,823	69,187	101	408,672	415,335	102	
North Carolina	70,701	69,216	98	416,045	424,813	102	
South Carolina	19,906	19,739	99	116,248	117,916	101	
Virginia	23,305	22,766	98	137,021	135,540	99	
United States	808,329	806,202	100	4,770,890	4,853,363	102	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in US totals.

## Fresh Market Watermelons: Area Harvested by Crop, State and Total, Summer Season, 2006-2007 and Forecasted Area 2008

		Area				
State	Usual Harvest Period	Harvest	ted	For Harvest		
		2006	2007	2008		
			Acres			
California	Jul-Sep	9,600	10,000	10,000		
Georgia	Jul-Sep	29,000	37,000	33,000		
Mississippi	Jun-Sep	3,100	3,200	3,000		
South Carolina	May-Aug	7,500	7,000	6,500		
Texas	Jul-Sep	12,500	11,600	10,400		
Total		61,700	68,800	62,900		

Peanuts: Area Planted and Harvested by State and United States, 2007-2008

State	Area Pla	inted	Area Harvested		
State	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	
		1,000	Acres		
Alabama	160.0	220.0	157.0	216.0	
Florida	130.0	120.0	119.0	110.0	
Georgia	530.0	650.0	520.0	640.0	
Mississippi	19.0	23.0	18.0	22.0	
New Mexico	10.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	
North Carolina	92.0	92.0	90.0	91.0	
Oklahoma	18.0	20.0	17.0	19.0	
South Carolina	59.0	65.0	56.0	62.0	
Texas	190.0	240.0	187.0	235.0	
Virginia	22.0	22.0	21.0	22.0	
United States	1,230.0	1,461.0	1,195.0	1,426.0	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Forecasted.

Rice: Area Planted and Harvested by State and United States, 2007-2008

Ctoto	Area Plar	nted	Area Harvested		
State —	2007	2008	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	
-	•	1,000 A	Acres		
Arkansas	1,331	1,351	1,325	1,345	
California	534	534	533	532	
Louisiana	380	410	378	405	
Mississippi	190	210	189	209	
Missouri	180	200	178	199	
Texas	146	190	145	189	
United States	2,761	2,895	2,748	2,879	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Forecasted.

United States Catfish: Average Prices and Ending Inventory, June 2007-2008

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price <sup>1</sup>		Ending Inventory	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Pc	ounds	Dollars Pe	r Pound	1,000 Pc	ounds
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,679	2,898	1.71	1.65	119	128
Fillets	3,708	4,841	3.26	3.07	316	342
Other	723	702	1.76	1.80	72	104
Total Fresh	7,110	8,441	2.52	2.48	507	574
Frozen						
Whole Fish	833	1,070	2.20	2.15	918	1,365
Fillets	8,296	8,850	2.98	2.92	10,506	7,790
Other	3,212	4,041	1.40	1.53	2,917	2,602
Total Frozen	12,341	13,961	2.52	2.46	14,341	11,757
Total Fresh & Frozen	19,451	22,402	2.52	2.47	14,848	12,331

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Gross value f.o.b. plant.

United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed and Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, 2007-2008

		Round Weight Processed				Pajd
Month	Mont	hly	Cumula	ative	Pound <sup>1</sup>	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
		1,000 F	Pounds		Doll	ars
January	46,079	45,992	46,079	45,992	.837	.658
February	44,083	47,634	90,162	93,626	.838	.688
March	45,477	47,908	135,639	141,534	.838	.743
April	37,954	46,481	173,593	188,015	.841	.753
May	38,867	45,699	212,460	233,684	.840	.774
June	37,275	45,176	249,735	278,860	.817	.793
July	39,168		288,903		.762	
August	42,626		331,529		.731	
September	39,519		371,048		.697	
October	45,890		416,938		.682	
November	40,307		457,245		.666	
December	39,001		496,246		.650	

Quantity processed by major processors and the prices received for fish delivered to the processing plant's door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

Mississippi Livestock County Estimates, 2007-2008

			Januar	ry 1		
County	All Cattle and	d Calves	Beef Co	ows	Milk Co	ws
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
			Numb	er		
Bolivar	1,900	1,700	1,200	1,200		
Tallahatchie	5,100	4,600	3,300	3,300		
Other Counties	1,000	700	500	500		
District 10	8,000	7,000	5,000	5,000	*	*
Benton	8,000	7,200	3,000	2,000		
Calhoun	9,000	9,200	6,000	6,300		
DeSoto	13,500	14,000	7,800	8,000		
Grenada	12,500	12,800	7,000	7,200		
Lafayette	8,000	7,300	5,500	5,000		
Marshall Panola	20,000 19,000	20,700 20,000	9,500 10,500	12,000 10,700		
Tate	25,000	24,300	9,600	7,700	1,200	
Yalobusha	8,000	8,500	5,100	5,100	800	
District 20	123,000	124,000	64,000	64,000	2,000	1,900
Alcorn	9,500	10,000	5,800	6,000	2,000	1,000
Itawamba	5,500	6,000	3,200	3,500		
Lee	11,400	12,000	5,500	6,500		
Pontotoc	11,000	11,500	6,500	7,000		
Prentiss	6,700	6,500	3,900	2,700		
Tippah	8,000	8,400	4,400	5,000		
Tishomingo	4,300	4,600	2,500	2,800		
Union	10,600	11,000	6,200	6,500		
District 30	67,000	70,000	38,000	40,000	*	*
Leflore	1,400	1,500				
Sunflower	1,100	4 400	4 000	4.000		
Washington	1,600	1,400	1,000	1,000		
Yazoo	14,200	14,300	9,900	9,200		
Other Counties District 40	1,700 20,000	2,800 20,000	2,100 13,000	2,300 12,500	*	*
Attala	14,600	15,000	7,000	6,100		
Carroll	17,300	17,000	7,000 7,400	7,800		
Choctaw	4,200	4,300	2,500	2,200		
Holmes	9,800	10,000	6,000	5,800		
Leake	19,000	19,000	9,600	11,600		
Madison	17,700	18,500	10,900	10,400		
Montgomery	10,800	11,200	7,000	7,300		
Rankin	18,800	18,200	12,300	10,200		
Scott	19,300	20,000	9,300	9,000		
Webster	7,500	7,800	5,000	5,100		
District 50	139,000	141,000	77,000	75,500	1,800	1,600
Chickasaw	21,200	22,000	13,000	15,600		
Clay	17,000	17,500	8,300	8,700		
Kemper	14,500	13,500	9,500	9,000		
Lowndes	10,000	10,500	6,000	5,800		
Monroe	16,800 21,500	18,000	8,500	8,700 11,100		
Neshoba Noxubee	21,500 21,000	21,000	11,000 9,200	11,100 9,500	900	850
Oktibbeha	13,000	21,700 13,500	6,500	9,500 6,100	900	630
Winston	13,000	12,300	8,000	7,500		
Other Counties	13,000	12,000	0,000	7,500	1,500	1,350
District 60	148,000	150,000	80,000	82,000	2,400	2,200
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Mississippi Livestock County Estimates, 2007-2008 —Cont.

	January 1										
County	All Cattle and Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows						
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008					
	Number										
Adams	4,100	3,700	2,500	2,900							
Amite	16,000	15,500	7,000	7,500	1,600	1,500					
Claiborne	10,000	9,500	6,500	6,000							
Copiah	20,400	20,000	11,000	10,000							
Franklin	5,000	4,700	3,000	3,000							
Hinds	33,300	33,000	20,000	19,000							
Jefferson	5,700	6,000	3,500	4,100							
Lincoln	22,500	24,000	10,500	7,800							
Warren	4,500	5,000	2,500	3,000							
Wilkinson	13,500	14,600	8,500	9,700							
Other Counties					3,300	3,400					
District 70	135,000	136,000	75,000	73,000	4,900	4,900					
Covington	24,100	24,500	7,500	8,000							
Jefferson Davis	17,300	17,000	7,000	8,000							
Lamar	18,800	19,500	6,000	5,500							
Lawrence	9,800	10,500	6,000	5,400							
Marion	19,100	18,500	8,500	6,800	1,400	1,300					
Pike	19,000	18,500	7,500	5,800	1,800	1,700					
Simpson	15,300	15,700	8,500	9,800							
Smith	17,500	17,000	9,500	9,700							
Walthall	29,100	29,800	9,500	10,000	4,000	3,800					
Other Counties					400	400					
District 80	170,000	171,000	70,000	69,000	7,600	7,200					
Clarke	8,800	9,000	5,700	5,800							
Forrest	7,600	7,500	4,000	4,500							
George	10,600	11,000	6,000	6,400							
Greene	6,200	6,400	3,800	3,500							
Hancock	7,800	6,800	4,000	4,400							
Harrison	3,000	3,300	1,500	2,000							
Jackson	6,000	5,800	3,000	3,500							
Jasper	12,500	12,000	8,500	7,000	700						
Jones	25,600	25,000	14,000	12,000	700						
Lauderdale	11,300	10,700	6,500	7,000	000						
Newton	22,300	23,000	10,500	11,000	800						
Pearl River	20,000	21,000	10,000	11,900							
Perry	6,500	7,000	4,000	4,500 5,100							
Stone	7,500	7,900	5,000	5,100							
Wayne Other Counties	14,300	14,600	9,500	9,400	000						
Other Counties	470.000	474 000	00.000	00.000	800	0.000					
District 90	170,000	171,000	96,000	98,000	2,300	2,300					
Other Districts	000.000	000.000	E40.000	F40.000	1,000	900					
State Total	980,000	990,000	518,000	519,000	22,000	21,000					

<sup>\*</sup> Included in Other Districts.

Mississippi Top Ten Cattle Producing Counties, January 1, 2008

County	All Cattle and Calves	County	All Cattle and Calves			
	Number		Number			
Hinds	33,000	Lincoln	24,000			
Walthall	29,800	Newton	23,000			
Jones	25,000	Chickasaw	22,000			
Covington	24,500	Noxubee	21,700			
Tate	24,300	Neshoba	21,000			

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Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, July 2008 with Comparisons

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Commodity	Unit	July 2007 Entire Month		June 2008 Entire Month		July 2008 Mid Month		
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US	
		Dollars						
Corn	bu		3.32		5.48		5.61	
Cotton, Upland	lb	.433	.452	.567	.604	.564	<sup>1</sup> .603 <sup>1</sup>	
Sorghum, grain	cwt		5.52		10.10		9.78	
Soybeans	bu	2	7.56	13.20	13.20	14.20	14.20	
Winter Wheat	bu		5.13		7.51		7.09	
Rice, Rough	cwt		10.10		16.80		16.70	
All Milk	cwt		21.60		19.30		19.40	
Fluid	cwt		21.60		19.30		19.40	
Manufacturing	cwt		20.50		19.80		19.00	
All Beef Cattle	cwt		89.00		92.00		95.70	
Cows	cwt		51.50		54.30		56.40	
Calves	cwt		126.00		118.00		115.00	
Steers & Heifers	cwt		93.00		96.40		100.00	
All Hogs	cwt		52.20		53.30		52.50	
Barrows & Gilts	cwt		53.00		54.50		54.10	
Sows	cwt		36.70		26.60		20.10	
Broilers, Live	lb		.470		.480		.500	
Market Eggs	doz	.790 <sup>3</sup>	.814 <sup>3</sup>	.930	<sup>3</sup> .927	<sup>3</sup> .690	.668	

<sup>---</sup> Estimates not made.

Based on sales during the first half of the month.

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Mid-month.